HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Brown C

A RESOLUTION honoring the Tolleston Middle School Spell Bowl team on its state championship victory.

Whereas, The Hoosier Spell Bowl is an academic competition;

Whereas, The elementary division is comprised of fourth and fifth graders, with each school having up to 15 team members who are to learn a specific word list of 750 words;

Whereas, Each team member in the Spell Bowl spells the selected words in writing on answer sheets in rounds consisting of nine words per round, and each team member contributes to the team's score;

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Whereas, The elementary teams compete in both mock and regional competitions;

Whereas, Earned scores from the regional competitions are compared with the scores of elementary schools throughout Indiana and provide the basis for statewide rankings;

Whereas, The Spell Bowl team from Tolleston Middle School, Gary, Indiana, are the 2002 Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl state champions;

Whereas, The team members and their faculty sponsors have worked long and hard to achieve this honor; and

Whereas, Academic excellence such as this deserves special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the team members and coaches of the Tolleston Middle School Spell Bowl Team on their victory in the state finals of the Hoosier Academic Spell Bowl.

 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to team members Kendall Alfred, Samantha Allen, Keosha Anderson, Melody Barham, Amber Blackmon, Brianna Blout, Summer Bullock, Shaniqua Burden, Kali Campbell, Melvin Evans, Jessica Frith, Jessica Holley, Tiara Johnson, Terri Lee, Ryan Miller, Nathaniel Shannon, Nico Simpson, Daniel Sparks, and Demetrius Warren, head coach Marnita Taylor, assistant coach Brent Martinson, faculty sponsors Gwendolyn Hatcher, Esther Goodes, Linda Golston, Janice Williams, Boyd Gilbert, Joseph Peterson, Derek Williams, and Evelyn Thomas, principal Lucielle

Upshaw, and assistant principal William Reese.



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